BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT News Release

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SUBJECT: Arrest Made in Hit and Run

Blacksburg police have arrested a 23-year-old Virginia Tech student on charges related to an injury causing hit and run yesterday.

Police initially responded to the 100 block of Draper Road on March 16, 2006 at 1:55 p.m. to investigate a hit and run crash that left a pedestrian injured. Investigation and witness accounts resulted in the rapid identification and seizure of a suspect vehicle. The pedestrian was treated at the scene by emergency personnel and released.

On March 17, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. Andrea Marie Gillespie, of Hampton Court in Blacksburg, was arrested on multiple charges related to the crash. Gillespie was arrested at a local business without incident and is currently free on bond awaiting a March 30, 2006 arraignment hearing in Blacksburg.

Gillespie is charged with:
Hit and Run Causing Injury, a Class 5 Felony
Reckless Driving, a Class 1 Misdemeanor
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, a Class 3 Misdemeanor